

History of USS Threadfin

The USS THREADFIN (SS-410) was commissioned on 30 August, 1944 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. On Christmas morning of 1944, after extensive training of the crew on the East Coast and in Panama, the ship departed for the first of three successful war patrols.

During her relatively brief war career, THREADFIN sank a coastal freighter, a minesweeper, and damaged one destroyer escort by torpedo fire. Numerous battle surfaces were conducted which resulted in sinking five enemy crafts, and damaging six more. THREADFIN is officially credited with having sunk seven enemy vessels for a total of 7,150 tons, and damaging seven more for a total of 4,885 tons.

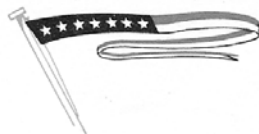
THREADFIN's big role came when she was part of a wolf-pack known as "Earl's Raiders," composed of the submarines SEADOG, TRIGGER, and THREADFIN. Early one morning while patrolling a certain Pacific area, THREADFIN came up to periscope depth to find herself in the middle of a large Japanese convoy being led by the powerful battleship YAMATO. THREADFIN immediately sent news of the find to the American Fleet. Due to her expert tracking of the YAMATO, THREADFIN was credited with an assist when American carrier-based planes destroyed the YAMATO.

After the war, THREADFIN was stationed at the Submarine School, New London, Connecticut, to train officer and enlisted personnel for submarine service. While there, she was one of the first American Submarines to complete 5,000 dives. On 10 December, 1952 THREADFIN was decommissioned and readied for conversion at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

THREADFIN was recommissioned on 7 August, 1953 as a "Guppy IIA" and was homeported at Key West, Florida, as a part of Submarine Squadron FOUR, then in 1959 was assigned to Submarine Squadron TWELVE in Key West.

THREDAFIN is presently assigned to Submarine Division One Twenty-ONE of Squadron TWELVE, and proudly wears that division's battle efficiency "E" which she has won for the second consecutive year.

THREADFIN has recently completed an overhaul in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard at Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Redesignated to achieve higher speeds and longer periods of submergence, and refitted with modern electronic equipment, THREADFIN continues to serve an important role in the United States Submarine Force and in the defense of the free world.



The Commanding Officer, USS Threadfin (SS-410)

requests the honor of your presence

at the Change of Command Ceremony

at which Commander Charles C. King, U.S.N.

will be relieved by

Commander Tommy D. Sawyer U.S.N.

on Saturday morning, the eighteenth of December

at ten o'clock on board the USS Threadfin (SS-410)

at the U.S. Naval Station, Key West, Florida

Guests: Tropical White Long

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